

HARPSWELL GUIDE

to outdoor recreation

Fun for outdoor enthusiasts
of all ages

Bicycling + Birding + Picnicking + Hiking
Snowshoeing + Boating + Concerts
Scenic Views + Swimming



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How to use this guide

- Check the map (Centerfold) for locations of all the public access resources.
- On each page, look for the letters that correspond to the map.

If you have general questions, trail questions or need assistance, please call: **Town of Harpswell** at 207-833-5771 or **Harpswell Heritage Land Trust** 207-721-1121. If you encounter an animal acting strangely please call: **Animal Control** at 1-800-501-1111.



HIKING



DOGS ALLOWED



SCENIC VIEW



GREAT FOR KIDS

BIKE RACK

BATHROOMS

SNOWSHOEING

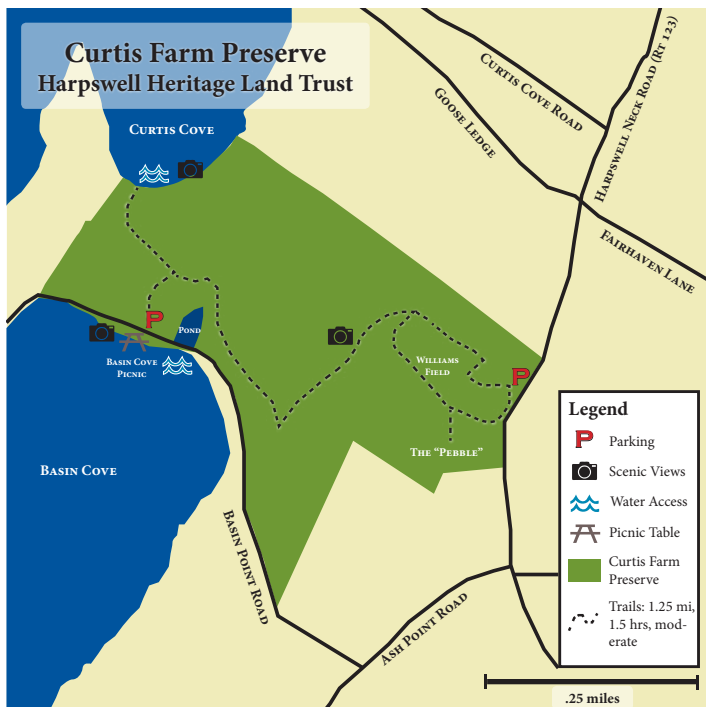
This rugged trail includes a shore walk along tidal Strawberry Creek and spectacular views from 150-foot cliffs overlooking Long Reach. Fairy house zones provide children with a place for play and creativity. Unbroken, preserved forests stretch to the east and south of Long Reach. The reach itself is a submerged valley that is now tidal mudflats. Across the Reach is the 90-acre Long Reach Preserve.

Directions: The trailhead is at the far corner of the back parking lot at the Harpswell Town Office, 263 Mountain Road. Trail address: 261 Mountain Road. N43.814477 W69.942922.

Visitor Guidelines

- No overnight parking.
- Carry in, carry out
- No Fires.
- Intoxicating beverages are not allowed.
- Do not pick or dig any living things.
- Pets must be under owners' control.
- Pet owners must clean up any fecal deposits left by their pets.
- Please report any damage to the Town of Harpswell.
- Please respect private landowners' property.

Curtis Farm Preserve Harpwell Heritage Land Trust



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WATER ACCESS



SCENIC VIEW



BIRD WATCHING



PICNIC SPOT

SNOWSHOEING

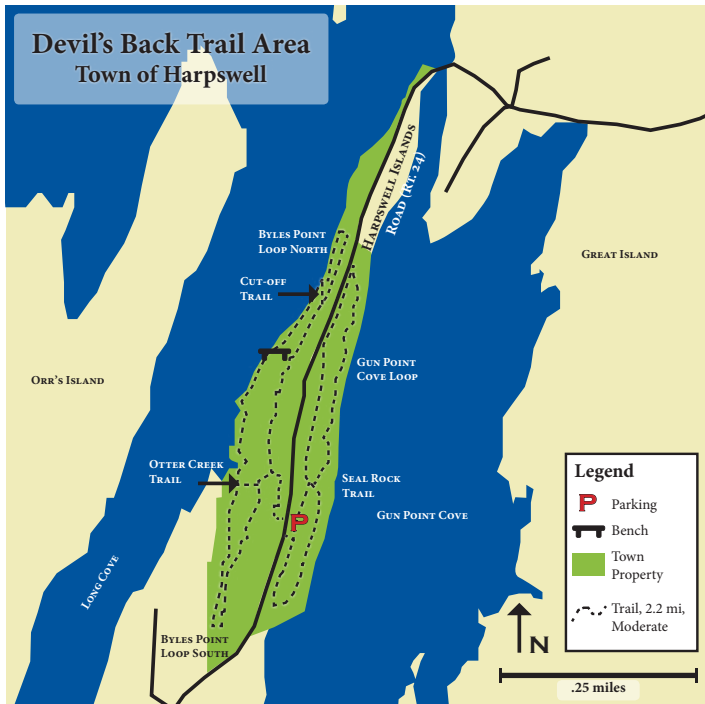
Curtis Farm Preserve has much to offer. The 1.25-mile trail system takes visitors through field, forest and to coastal bays, with scenic views along the way. The Preserve includes nearly 2,000 feet of shoreline on both Curtis Cove and Basin Cove, gravel beaches, a freshwater pond, forested freshwater wetlands and 15 acres of intertidal mud flats for shellfish and wildlife nursery areas. On a clear day, the views across Middle Bay as far west as Mt. Washington are impressive.

Directions: There are two access points to the preserve—1554 Harpswell Neck Road and 104 Basin Point Road. For the upland access, from the intersection of Rt. 123 and Bath Rd at Bowdoin College in Brunswick, follow Rt 123 south for 11.4 miles. The parking lot is in a field on the right. For the shore access, follow Rt. 123 south another .2 miles and then turn right on Ash Point Rd. Take your first right on Basin Point Rd and drive .5 miles to a parking lot on the right. N43.764210 W70.012260.

Visitor Guidelines

- Carry in, carry out.
- No open fires.
- No dogs off leash during bird nesting season, April 15-July 31. Dogs must be under voice control the rest of the year.
- Carry out all dog waste.
- Hunting is allowed. Wear blaze orange and take appropriate safety precautions during hunting season.
- Trapping is allowed with written permission from HHLT.
- Please respect wildlife, neighbors and other users.
- No overnight parking and no camping allowed.

Devil's Back Trail Area Town of Harpswell



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SCENIC VIEW



BIRD WATCHING

BIKE RACK

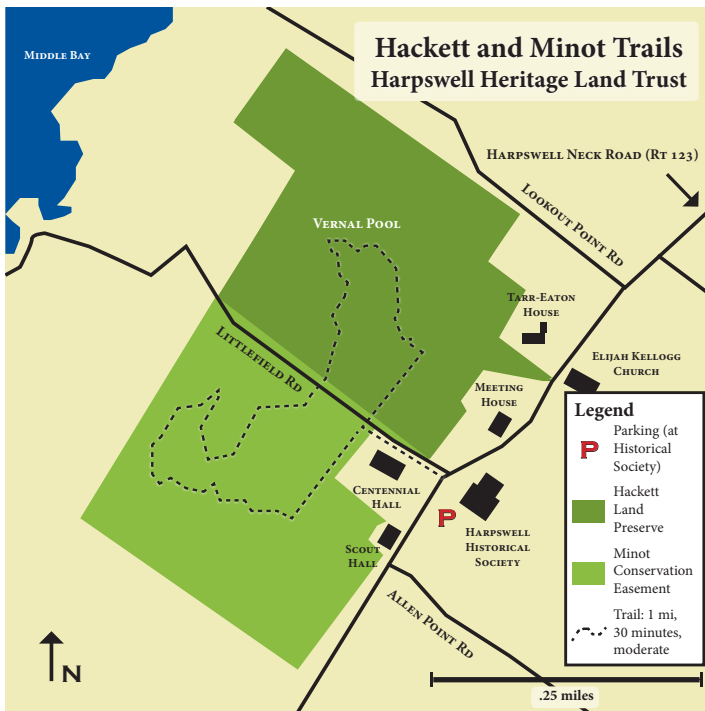
SNOWSHOEING

The Devil's Back Trails on Orr's Island comprises two trails. The West side trail winds through mixed forest, including everything from old growth pines to a few hardy apple trees. The easy loop trail descends to Long Cove, providing numerous views of the water. The East side trail runs along Gun Point Cove. There are many spots to stop and enjoy the water view, including Seal Rock where at half tide or lower, seals might be swimming, fishing, and sun bathing. Be on the lookout for ospreys nestled in large "stick nests," or soaring over the cove searching for fish to eat.

Directions: From Cook's Corner in Brunswick, follow Rt. 24 south for 9.4 miles. Soon after crossing onto Orr's Island, look for a parking area on the left. The trail begins across the street from the parking. 1203 Harpswell Islands Road. N43.786706 W69.949201.

Visitor Guidelines

- No overnight parking.
- Carry in, carry out.
- No fires.
- Intoxicating beverages are not allowed.
- Do not pick or dig up any living things.
- Pets must be under owners' control.
- Pet owners must clean up any fecal deposits left by their pets.
- Please report any damage around the Trail to the Town of Harpswell.
- Please respect private landowners' property.



SNOWSHOEING

The Hackett and Minot Trails take visitors through a verdant, mossy forest with numerous lichen and club-moss glades, as well as a vernal pool. It's a great place for a quiet woods walk. Visible to the west of Harpswell Neck Rd (Rt 123), this property complements Harpswell's historic center, which includes the 1757 Old Meeting House, the 1842 Elijah Kellogg Church, the 1876 Centennial Hall and the 1783 Tarr-Eaton House, which is protected with a historic preservation easement.

Directions: From the intersection of Rt 123 and Bath Rd at Bowdoin College in Brunswick, follow Rt. 123 south for 8.4 mi. Please park at the Harpswell Historical Society building on the left. Cross the road and walk down the private Littlefield Road until you see signs for the trail. 929 Harpswell Neck Road. N43.799352 W69.987680.

Visitor Guidelines

- Carry in, carry out.
- Pedestrian use only.
- No camping. No open fires.
- No dogs off leash during bird nesting season, April 15-July 31. Dogs must be under voice control the rest of the year.
- Carry out all dog waste.
- Hunting is allowed. Wear blaze orange and take appropriate safety precautions during hunting season.
- Please respect wildlife, neighbors and other users.

Houghton Graves Park Harpowell Heritage Land Trust



Located in the middle of Orr's Island village, Houghton Graves Park provides visitors a breath of fresh air. Mowed grassy paths lead to picnic tables, views of beautiful Beal's Cove on Harpswell Sound and access to the shore. This three-acre "pocket park" is a great place to spend a few minutes, or a few hours. Given to the Harpswell Heritage Land Trust by Russell Houghton and Patty and Allan Graves in 2007, this park will forever be available for the enjoyment of both residents and visitors.

Directions: From Cook's Corner in Brunswick, follow Rt 24 south for 11.9 miles. The Park is on the right, opposite Lowell's Cove Road. Please park by the side of the road and follow the trail between the rail fence and the marsh. 1714 Harpswell Islands Road. N43.760617 W69.976969.

Visitor Guidelines

- Open dawn to dusk only.
- Carry in, carry out.
- Pedestrian use only.
- No camping. No open fires.
- Dogs must be under owner's control to avoid interfering with wildlife, the

neighbors, or other users' enjoyment of the Preserve.

- Carry out all dog waste.
- No hunting or discharge of firearms.
- Please respect wildlife, neighbors and other users.



HIKING



DOGS ALLOWED



WATER ACCESS



SCENIC VIEW



GREAT FOR KIDS



PICNIC SPOT

SNOWSHOEING

Johnson Field Preserve Harpwell Heritage Land Trust

Mackerel Cove Lot Town of Harpswell



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SWIMMING

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ACCESSIBLE**

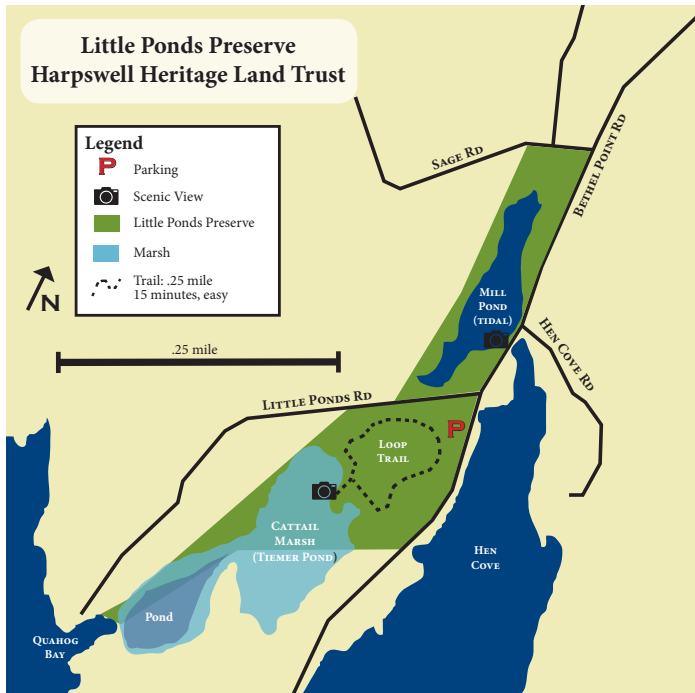
The open field at the head of Mackerel Cove has been a Bailey Island landmark for generations. Overlooking one of Maine's most scenic working harbors, Johnson Field offers visitors a place for family picnics, wintertime sledding, quiet moments of reflection, access to the beach and spectacular views. This is a great place to launch a kayak or canoe. The Town-owned Mackerel Cove Lot, located next to Johnson Field, also offers gorgeous views, public access to the waterfront and a hedge of fragrant roses. Fishermen use part of the lot for seasonal storage.

Directions: From Cook's Corner in Brunswick, follow Rt 24 south for 14.2 miles. The field comes into view at the intersection with Abner Point Rd. Turn right on Abner Point Rd and immediately left into a parking lot. 25 Abner Point Road. N43.731621 W69.997548.

Visitor Guidelines

- Carry in, carry out.
- Pedestrian use only.
- No overnight parking.
- Park in designated area.
- No camping. No open fires.
- Dogs must be under owner's control to avoid interfering with wildlife, the neighbors, or other users' enjoyment of the Preserve.
- Carry out all dog waste.
- No hunting or discharge of firearms.
- Please respect wildlife, neighbors and other users.
- Property can be rented for special events.

Little Ponds Preserve Harpswell Heritage Land Trust



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SCENIC VIEW



GREAT FOR KIDS

The 22-acre Little Ponds Preserve features portions of two ponds that comprise the core of the Preserve's southern parcel; a tidal cove, Mill Pond, to the north, and surrounding forests. An old dam near Quahog Bay frontage maintains an open water pond (only accessible from Quahog Bay) that is covered with the fragrant white water-lilies throughout the summer. Further upstream, Tiemer Pond, now a cattail marsh, provides a foraging and nesting habitat for red-winged blackbirds and often-heard but seldom seen, American Bitterns, Sora and Virginia Rails. Mill Pond's intertidal mud flats, at the head of Hen Cove, provide habitat for shorebirds, wading birds, numerous invertebrates, and soft-shell clams. The 1/4-mile loop trail on the Preserve passes through mixed forests dominated by red oak and fewer red spruce, red maple, and big-toothed aspen.

Directions: The Preserve is located at 206 Bethel Point Road. From Cook's Corner in Brunswick, follow Rt. 24 south for 4.1 miles. Turn left onto Cundy's Harbor Road. In 3 miles, turn right onto Bethel Point Road. Drive about one mile and look for a parking lot on the right just south of the intersection, Bethel Point Road and Little Ponds Road. N43.795350, W-69.909220

Visitor Guidelines

- Carry in, carry out.
- Pedestrian use only.
- No overnight parking.
- No camping. No open fires.
- Dogs must be on leash during bird nesting season (April 15-July 31). At other times, dogs must be under owner control.
- Carry out all dog waste.
- Hunting is allowed. Placing or using tree stands or blinds require permission from HHLT. Wear blaze orange and take appropriate safety precautions during hunting season.
- No trapping.
- Please respect wildlife, neighbors and other users.

Long Reach Preserve Harpswell Heritage Land Trust



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DOGS ALLOWED



WATER ACCESS



SCENIC VIEW

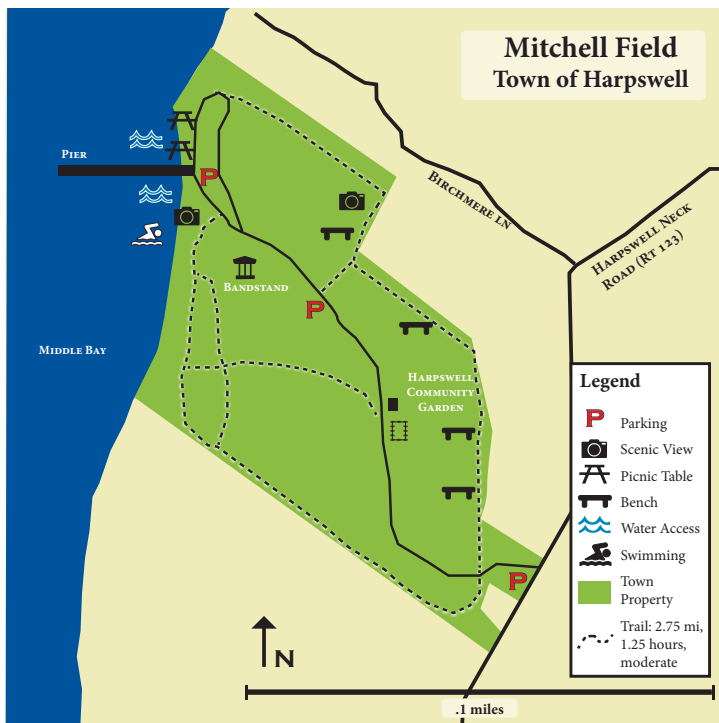
SNOWSHOEING

This spectacular 95-acre preserve provides one of the longest hiking trails in Harpswell. A challenging 1.5-mile loop trail winds through several different forest types, passes a peat bog nestled between two prominent bedrock ridges and finally descends to the shores of Long Reach. This area is a prime example of Harpswell's folded bedrock geology. Long steep ridges run parallel to the shore and trap water to form peaty wetlands. Long Reach itself is a submerged valley, and at low water, tidal mudflats. From the shore, visitors can look across to dramatic cliffs of weathered bedrock, at the top of which is the Cliff Trail.

Directions: From Cook's Corner in Brunswick, follow Rt 24 south for 6.8 mi. The Preserve shares a parking lot with the Trufant-Summerton Ball Field, which will be on your right. The trailhead is to the right as you enter the parking lot. 648 Harpswell Islands Road. N43.815254 W69.924289.

Visitor Guidelines

- Carry in, carry out.
- Pedestrian use only.
- No camping. No open fires.
- No dogs off leash during bird nesting season, April 15-July 31. Dogs must be under voice control the rest of the year.
- Carry out all dog waste.
- Hunting is allowed. Wear blaze orange and take appropriate safety precautions during hunting season.
- Trapping is allowed with written permission from HHLT.
- Please respect wildlife, neighbors and other users.



WALKING



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WATER ACCESS



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PICNIC SPOT



SWIMMING



BIRD WATCHING

SNOWSHOEING

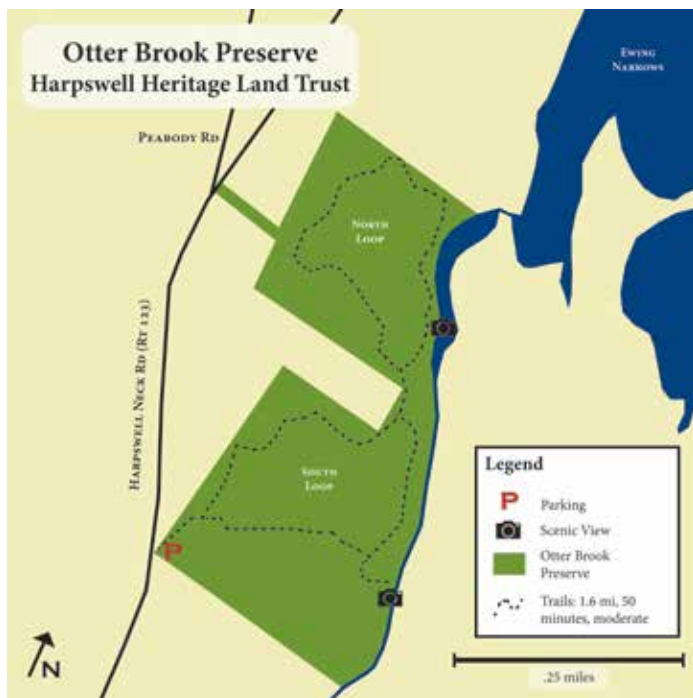
WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE

For a variety of recreational offerings, Mitchell Field can't be beat. This 120-acre former U.S. Navy fuel depot is owned by the town of Harpswell and boasts several miles of paved and gravel paths, a sandy beach, a bandstand that hosts outdoor concerts and the Harpswell Community Garden. It's a great place for walking, bicycling, swimming, cross-country skiing, picnicking and so much more. On clear days, you can see Mount Washington 80 miles to the west.

Directions: From the intersection of Rt 123 and Bath Rd at Bowdoin College in Brunswick, follow Rt 123 south for 11 miles. Look for a sign on the right. 1410 Harpswell Neck Road. N43.771211 W70.008891.

Visitor Guidelines

- No overnight parking.
- Carry in, carry out.
- No open fires.
- Intoxicating beverages are not allowed.
- Do not pick or dig any living things.
- Pets must be under owners' control.
- Pet owners must clean up any fecal deposits left by their pets.
- Please report any damage to the Town of Harpswell.
- Please respect private landowners' property.



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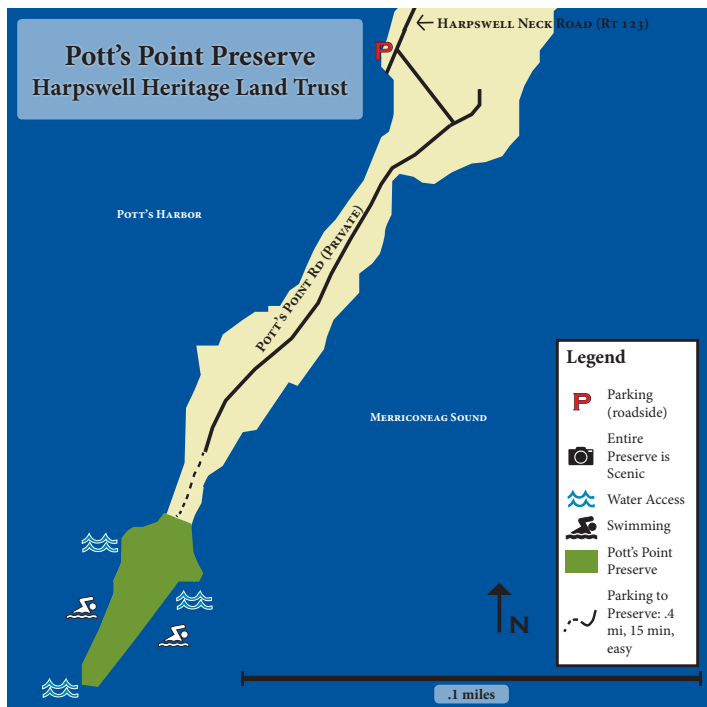
The 71-acre Otter Brook Preserve runs alongside one of the largest freshwater streams in Harpswell. This freshwater marsh, stream and pond system is a scarce resource in our coastal community. All-season trails meander through the forest and provide approximately 1.6 miles of pleasant walking, cross-country skiing and snowshoeing. Visitors can catch glimpses of the brook and the wildlife that rely on it, including great blue herons, ducks and dragonflies. Otter Brook Preserve was protected from development by Harpswell Heritage Land Trust, generous local donors and the Town of Harpswell to preserve its essential wildlife habitat, and to protect the water quality for clams and other ocean life existing in Ewing Narrows and Harpswell Cove.

Directions: The street address for the preserve's parking lot is 429 Harpswell Neck Road. From the intersection of Rt 123 and Bath Road at Bowdoin College in Brunswick, follow Rt 123 south for 6.1 miles. Look for a parking lot on the left. N43.828080, W-69.960300

Visitor Guidelines

- Carry in, carry out.
- Pedestrian use only.
- No overnight parking.
- No camping. No open fires.
- No trapping.
- Please respect wildlife, neighbors and other users.
- Dogs must be on leash to protect wildlife and neighboring farm animals.
- Carry out all dog waste.
- Hunting is allowed. Wear blaze orange and take appropriate safety precautions during hunting season.

Pott's Point Preserve Harpswell Heritage Land Trust



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SCENIC VIEW



PICNIC SPOT



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KIDS**



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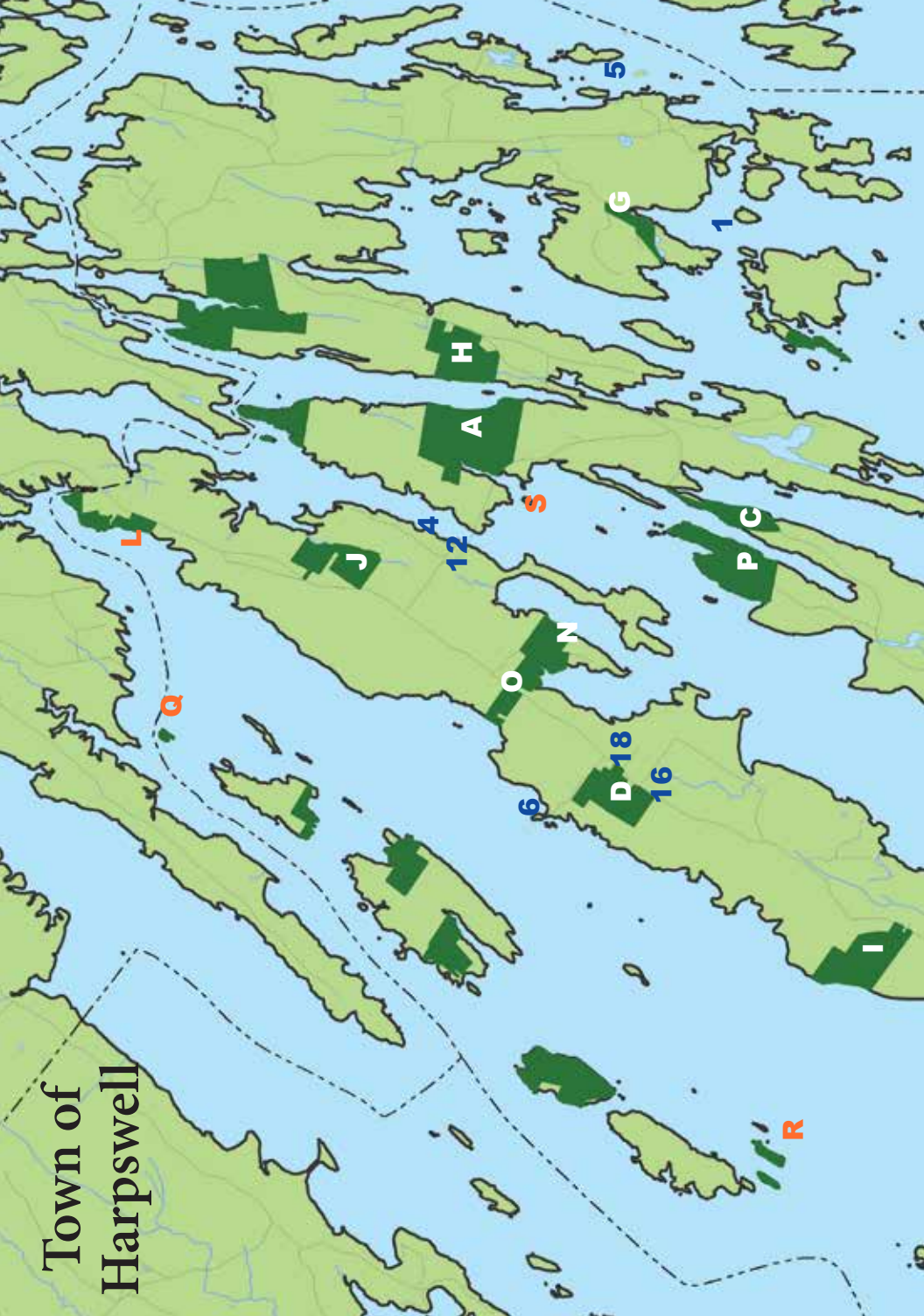
If you love exploring the ocean shoreline, this tiny preserve has just about everything you could want, from numerous tide pools to a gravel beach and dramatic views of Casco Bay. Standing at the southern tip of the preserve, you can enjoy an unparalleled view of the many islands that make Casco Bay so special. The tide pools teem with life. You might spot barnacles, oysters, crabs, shrimp, periwinkles, hermit crabs, star fish, sea urchins and the occasional lobster or squid. Pott's Point Preserve was acquired by Harpswell Heritage Land Trust with donations from members of the Pott's Point Road Association.

Directions: From the intersection of Rt. 123 and Bath Rd. at Bowdoin College in Brunswick, follow Rt. 123 south 13.9 miles to the end of Rt. 123. Park by the side of the road, but please do not block the pier or Town Landing. Walk along private Pott's Point Rd. to the Preserve. You may also walk along the shore below the high tide line. 1985 Harpswell Neck Road. N43.736957 W70.021665.

Visitor Guidelines

- Carry in, carry out.
- Pedestrian use only.
- No camping. No open fires.
- Dogs must be under owner's control to avoid interfering with wildlife, the neighbors, or other users' enjoyment of the Preserve.
- Dogs must be on leash while on private Pott's Point Rd.
- Carry out all dog waste.
- Please respect wildlife, neighbors and other users.
- No trap, float or boat storage.

Town of Harpswell





TRAILS & ISLANDS

- 1. Cliff Trail
- 2. Curtis Farm Preserve
- 3. Devil's Back Trails
- 4. Hackett and Minot Trails
- 5. Houghton Graves Park
- 6. Johnson Field Preserve
- 7. Little Ponds Preserve
- 8. Long Reach Preserve
- 9. Mitchell Field
- 10. Otter Brook

LANDINGS & HISTORICAL

- 1. Bethel Point
- 2. Garrison Cove Landing
- 3. Graveyard Point Landing
- 4. Hildreth Road Landing
- 5. Holbrook Street Landing
- 6. Lookout Point Landing
- 7. Mackerel Cove Lot
- 8. Pott's Point Landing
- 9. Steamboat Wharf Lane Landing

- 10. Stover's Cove Road Landing
- 11. Tide Mill/ Grist Mill Landing
- 12. Wharf Road Landing
- 13. York's Landing/Steamboat Road
- 14. Eagle Island
- 15. Cribstone Bridge
- 16. Harpswell Historical Society Museum
- 17. Lobsterman Statue
- 18. Old Meeting House



HIKING



WATER ACCESS



SCENIC VIEW



NO DOGS ALLOWED

SNOWSHOEING

With fields, saltwater marsh and more than 4,000 feet of shoreline on Middle Bay Cove, Skolfield is well-suited for walking with friends or family, and spotting a wide range of birds, from meadowlarks to terns. Two trail loops, for a total of a mile, wind through varied forest habitat and provide views of the cove, the saltwater marsh separating Brunswick and Harpswell, and the fields of historic Merriconegan Farm. A spur trail leads to an old stone ferry wharf and a turn of the century boathouse along the shore. The Liberty Farm Trail leaves from Harpswell Neck Rd., a short distance south of the parking area. **There are no dogs allowed on these trails.**

Directions: From the intersection of Rt 123 and Bath Rd at Bowdoin College in Brunswick, follow Rt 123 south for 4.6 mi. Turn right into Skolfield Place and then take an immediate left into the parking lot for the preserve. 33 Skolfield Drive. N43.853520 W69.949132.

Visitor Guidelines

- Carry in, carry out.
- Pedestrian use only.
- No overnight parking.
- No camping. No open fires.
- No dogs allowed.
- Hunting is allowed. Wear blaze

orange and take appropriate safety precautions during hunting season.

- Trapping is allowed with written permission from HHLT.
- Please respect wildlife, neighbors and other users.

Stover's Point Preserve Harpswell Heritage Land Trust



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WATER ACCESS



SCENIC VIEW



GREAT FOR KIDS



PICNIC SPOT



SWIMMING

If you are looking for a beach day with friends or family, Stover's Point is the place to go. With the convenience of being able to drive right on the gravel beach, this is a great place to spend a summer day exploring. The beach, tidal creek and salt marsh provide great swimming, crabs to catch and views across Harpswell Sound to the unique Cribstone Bridge connecting Orr's and Bailey Islands.

Directions: From the intersection of Rt 123 and Bath Rd at Bowdoin College in Brunswick, follow Rt 123 south for 12.2 mi. Turn left on Stover's Cove Rd. Take your first right on Stover's Point Rd. Veer left. Stay straight. Follow the road as it curves to the right then take a left on a gravel road. Being very careful of the undercarriage of your car, drive right out onto the beach. Once on the beach, please park on gravel surfaces only. 69 Windsor Lane. N43.756848 W69.997950.

Visitor Guidelines

- Carry in, carry out.
- Motorized vehicles restricted to road and gravel areas. Speed limit 5 mph. Yield to pedestrians.
- No motorized vehicles between 10 p.m. and 5 a.m.
- Dogs must be on leash between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. Memorial Day to Labor Day. All other times dogs must be under owner control and not bother wildlife or other users.
- Carry out all dog waste.
- Organized events or gatherings require permission from Harpswell Heritage Land Trust.
- Fireworks permitted only on July 3, 4, 5; Dec. 31 and Jan. 1.
- The following are prohibited: Open Fires; Camping; Trap, float or boat storage; Hunting, trapping or discharge of firearms.
- Please respect wildlife, neighbors and other users.

Widgeon Cove Trail

Harpswell Heritage Land Trust



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SCENIC VIEW

SNOWSHOEING

This half-mile loop trail is the perfect way to take in beautiful Widgeon Cove on Harpswell Sound. The path winds through woodlands, across ravines and along the shoreline where there is a dramatic view of the cove. At this scenic viewpoint, visitors can enjoy a picnic with family and friends, take pictures or just sit quietly to observe waterfowl, wading birds and other wildlife that frequent the cove. The Widgeon Cove Trail is part of the 88-acre Dunning Farm Conservation Easement. This privately owned property will remain forest and working farmland forever.

Directions: From the intersection of Rt 123 and Bath Rd at Bowdoin College in Brunswick, follow Rt 123 south for 7.4 miles. Immediately after the Wilson's Cove Trail parking lot on the right, look for the Widgeon Cove Trail parking lot on the left. 709 Harpswell Neck Road. N43.811644 W69.974791.

Visitor Guidelines

- Carry in, carry out.
- Pedestrian use only.
- No overnight parking.
- No camping. No open fires.
- Dogs must be on a leash.
- Carry out all dog waste.
- Please respect wildlife, neighbors and other users.
- This trail is on private property. Please respect the owner's privacy.
- Open dawn to dusk.



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SCENIC VIEW

SNOWSHOEING

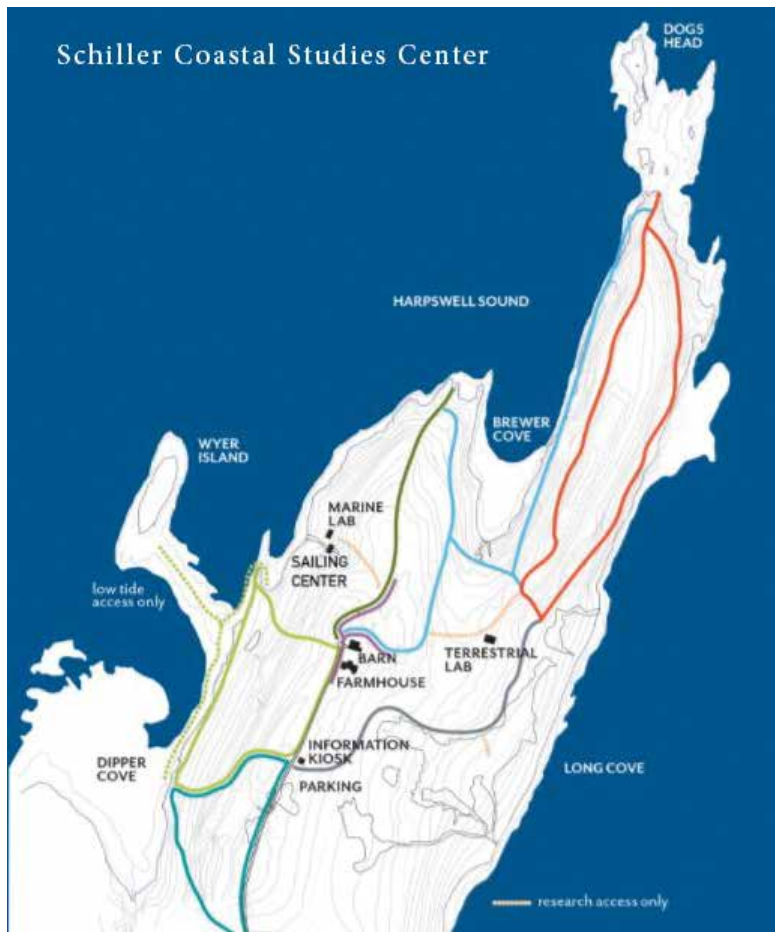
This short out-and-back trail brings hikers to a dramatic cliff overlooking Wilson's Cove. The views up and down Middle Bay and across to Birch Island are spectacular. The end of the trail provides a quiet place to sit beneath the red oaks and take in the water, land and sky. On a still day, the reflection along the shore shimmers on the water and the retreating tide reveals seaweed-covered rocks for roosting gulls and cormorants. The Wilson's Cove Trail is on privately owned land that is protected forever by a conservation easement.

Directions: From the intersection of Rt 123 and Bath Rd at Bowdoin College in Brunswick, follow Rt 123 south for 7.4 mi. Look for a small parking lot and sign on the right. 698 Harpswell Neck Road. N43.812388 W69.974531.

Visitor Guidelines

- Open dawn to dusk only.
- Carry in, carry out.
- Pedestrian use only.
- Stay on the trail.
- No overnight parking.
- No camping. No open fires.
- Dogs must be on the leash.
- Carry out all dog waste.
- No hunting or discharge of firearms.
- Please respect wildlife, neighbors and other users.
- This trail is on private property. Please respect the owner's privacy.

Schiller Coastal Studies Center



The Schiller Coastal Studies Center on Orr's Island provides lovely coastal walking trails. A fine old farm with 2.5 miles of coastline, 3.6 miles of trails and a variety of habitats, it offers great views of Long Cove and Harpswell Sound and opportunities to view wildlife or just take a quiet walk in the woods. 220 Bayview Road.

Directions: From Cook's Corner in Brunswick, follow Rt. 24 south for 10.7 miles. Take a right on Bayview Rd. Continue for just about one mile until you see a kiosk on the right. N43.788530, W-69.957960

Visitor Guidelines

- Park at the kiosk and do not drive further into the property.
- Stay on the designated trails.
- Many ongoing research projects occur at CSC, please respect any flags, markings, or other scientific equipment.
- Do not collect anything.
- These trails are designed for foot traffic only (no bicycles or motorized vehicles).
- The trails are open dawn to dusk.
- Dogs must be on a leash and stay on the main trails. Please carry out any waste left by pets.
- Hunting is strictly forbidden.
- No camping, smoking, or fires allowed on the property.

Harpswell's Islands

Q: Crow Island Preserve, Harpswell Heritage Land Trust

Crow Island Preserve in upper Middle Bay is accessible by small boat at half tide or higher. The island is open for camping and is part of the Maine Island Trail.



R: The Goslings, Maine Coast Heritage Trust

The Goslings are owned by Maine Coast Heritage Trust and are available for day use and camping.



S: Stover's Island, Town of Harpswell

The two-acre Stover's Island marks the entrance to Strawberry Creek at the northern end of Harpswell Sound. Also known as Strawberry Creek Island, Stover's Island is part of the Maine Island Trail.



T: Whaleboat Island, Maine Coast Heritage Trust

Whaleboat Island is the largest undeveloped island in Casco Bay. It is owned by Maine Coast Heritage Trust and is available for day use and camping.



Town-Owned Islands

The Elm Islands, Uncle Zeke Island, Flash Island and Jenny Island are designated as habitat for migratory birds. Visitors are welcome to explore these islands between August 15 and March 15.

State-Owned Islands

Haskell Island South, Mark Island, Mouse Island, Pond Island, Flag Island and Little Birch Island are all managed by the State. They provide important habitat for migratory and sea birds. Visitors are welcome to explore these islands between August 15 and March 15.

Federally-Owned Islands

Ram Island and Upper Flag Island provide seabird nesting habitat. Visitors are welcome to explore these islands between August 15 and March 15.

Town Landings

| | Small Boat Launch | Trailer Boat Launch |
|--|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Bethel Point, Cundy's Harbor 350 Bethel Point Rd. N 43.79092/W 69.91183 | X | X |

Bethel's Point serves as public and commercial boat launch. There is limited parking. Permit parking is issued by the town, as well as ample parking in the nearby commercial lot, which requires a small fee.

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| 2. Garrison Cove, Bailey Island 58 Garrison Cove Rd. N 43.74771/W 69.991186 | X | X |
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This paved landing provides excellent access and has a great beach for swimming and walking. The beach and landing look north up Harpswell Sound. Limited parking is available at the top of the beach.

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| 3. Graveyard Point, Harpswell Neck Picnic area 25 Graveyard Point Rd. N 43.74058/W 70.01530 | X | |
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Located at the end of the Graveyard Point Road on Harpswell Neck, this is an attractive gravel beach to launch a canoe or kayak or jump in the ocean to cool off. Parking for up to 7 cars along the road. There is a turnaround and launching area.

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| 4. Hildreth Road, Harpswell Neck 56 Hildreth Rd. (Gravel Pit Rd.) N 43.82138/W 69.95183 | X | X |
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The public access point is off Mountain Rd west of Ewing Narrows Bridge. There is very limited parking on Hildreth Rd. The traditionally used launch point is down the gravel road. There is no public beach access. Please respect the private owners rights at the end of the gravel road. Parallel parking for up to 5 cars.

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| 5. Holbrook Street Landing, Cundy's Harbor 73 Holbrook St. N 43.79929/W 69.88821 | X | X |
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Located off the east side of Cundy's Harbor Road, this gently sloped boat launch includes limited parking.

Town Landings

| | Small Boat Launch | Trailer Boat Launch |
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| 6. Lookout Point, Harpswell Neck 135 Lookout Point Rd. N 43.80825/W 69.99354 | X | X |

This is one of the best large boat launching places in Harpswell, for both commercial and recreational uses. Even by car, Lookout Point is worth a visit. The view of the undeveloped islands of Casco Bay is excellent. There is parking for up to six cars. Other use considerations are posted at the landing.

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| 7. Mackerel Cove, Bailey Island 33 Abner Point Rd. N 43.73142/W 69.99837 | X | X |
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This heavily-used landing provides recreational and commercial access to the busy harbor on Mackerel Cove. Public parking available. The landing is next to Johnson Field Preserve and Mackerel Cove Lot. (25 Abner Point Rd.)

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| 8. Pott's Point Landing & Town Wharf, Harpswell Neck 1985 Harpswell Neck Rd. N 43.73681/W 70.02170 | X | X |
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The Town Wharf allows skiffs and dinghies to tie up for 30 minutes. Limited public parking.

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| 9. Steamboat Wharf Lane, Bailey Island 24 Steamboat Wharf Lane. N 43.72782/W 69.99782 | | |
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This landing has limited use, mainly for monitoring boats and beach access. Parking along road within boundaries designated by landscape timber. Good views of a working harbor.

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| 10. Stover's Cove Road, Harpswell Neck 36 Stovers Cove Rd. N 43.75470/W 70.00642 | X | X |
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Located on Harpswell Harbor, this well-paved, low angle boat launch is a great way to access the harbor during high tide. Parking is limited.

Town Landings

| | Small Boat Launch | Trailer Boat Launch |
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| 11. Tide Mill/ Grist Mill Road, Harpswell Neck 14 Grist Mill Land. N 43.74830/W 70.03297 | X | |

Former site of the George Trues Grist Mill, built in 1867, which operated through use of tidal power. The remains of the dam which used to power the mill have created a reversing falls effect. Parking for up to four cars.

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| 12. Wharf Road, Harpswell Neck 40 Wharf Rd. N 43.81790/W 69.95347 | X | |
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Located on Ewing Narrows with very limited parking.

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| 13. York's Landing/Steamboat Road, Bailey Island N 43.74771/W 69.99186 | | |
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No parking. Pedestrian right of way to the shore.

Historic Landmarks

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| 14: Admiral Robert E. Peary's Home, Eagle Island, Casco Bay |
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Admiral Peary, accompanied by Matthew Henson and four Inuit natives, planted the American flag at the North Pole. They were the first humans to reach the northernmost point on our globe. Eagle Island was home to Admiral Peary for many years. The Island is open to visitors between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. from June 15 through Labor Day. It was declared a National Historic Landmark in 2014.

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| 15: Cribstone Bridge, Bailey Island |
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The Cribstone Bridge, built in 1927-28 is 1,150 feet long and spans the area known as Will's Gut between Orr's and Bailey Islands. The granite was brought in from local quarries and the open crib work allows for the ebb and flow of tides. Extensive repair work was completed in 2010. The bridge is recognized as an historic civil engineering landmark and is on the National Register of Historic Places.

16: Harpswell Historical Society Museum, Harpswell Neck

The Museum is home to displays featuring each of Harpswell's unique communities, the town's fishing and ship building industry, a rotating art exhibit, a 20th Century kitchen, antique farming equipment and old military uniforms.

17: Lobsterman Statue, Bailey Island

The Lobsterman Statue, erected in 1976, is of H. Elroy Johnson. The original statue was displayed in the World's Fair in 1939 and 1940. The replica is now displayed prominently at Land's End on Bailey Island. The statue is owned by the Harpswell Historical Society.

18: Old Meeting House, Harpswell Neck

Completed in 1759, this historic building served the town as a meeting house, school house, place of worship and administrative offices for more than two centuries. Although owned by the Town, the Historical Society now maintains the building and the Town's original cemetery, adjacent to the Hall. Tours may be arranged by contacting the Harpswell Historical Society.

Areas for Play

Harpswell Community School, Great Island

A playground is available outside of school hours.

Harpswell Coastal Academy, Harpswell Neck

A playground is available outside of school hours.

Trufant- Summerton Baseball Field, Great Island

Available for use anytime, unless Town activities are being conducted.

Harpswell Neck Physical Education Association, Harpswell Neck

For information on facilities, contact Deborah Cornish at hnpea@ymail.com.

Bicycling Areas

Allen Point Road - Harpswell Neck

Parking at Scout Hall across the road from Allen Point Road. 1.6 mile road and loop back up using Harpswell Neck Road (1 mile) or Allen Point.

Basin Point Road/ Ash Point Road - Harpswell Neck

Park at Harpswell Coastal Academy (when school is not in session). To Dolphin Marina is 2.7 miles. Ash Point Road is 1.2 miles. Ash Point Road to Tide Mills is 1.3 miles.

Stover's Point Road - Harpswell Neck

Park at Harpswell Coastal Academy (when school is not in session). From lot to Stover's Point Preserve is 1.2 miles.

Pott's Point - Harpswell Neck

Park at Harpswell Coastal Academy (when school is not in session). To Pott's Point Landing and Town Wharf is 2.4 miles.

Mitchell Field - Harpswell Neck

Paved (2 miles), gravel and woods roads. Bike rack located on waterfront.

Pump Out Stations

New Meadows River - Cundy's Harbor

Harpswell has a seasonal self-service pump-out float moored in Cundy's Harbor. This facility contributes to cleaning up the New Meadows River and is monitored by the Holbrook Community Foundation. There is no fee to use this facility, donations can be sent to the Town of Harpswell, PO Box 39, Harpswell, ME 04079. Questions or comments should be directed to the Town's Harbormaster, Paul Plummer, at 653-9916 (cell).

Dolphin Marina - Pott's Harbor

The pumpout station is located on the lower Western side of Pott's Harbor. The pumpout station is owned by the marina and is a public pumpout station costing no more than \$5. For more information, visit www.dolphinmarinaandrestaurant.com or contact the marina at (207) 833-5343.

Great Island Boatyard - Quahog Bay

The Boatyard is located at the very top of Quahog Bay on the Western side. This pump out station is owned by the Boatyard, is a dockside service and is a public pumpout station costing no more than \$5. For more information, visit www.greatislandboatyard.com or call the marina at (207) 729-1639.

Q.B. Conservation LLC - Quahog Bay

This is a privately owned, free, boat-side service in Quahog Bay. Call Dave at (207) 522-1105 for service and more information.

Restrooms (port-a-potties)

- **Mitchell Field:** at the entrance and down by the water.
- **Harpswell Town Office:** behind the TO building at the far end of the parking lot by the entrance to The Cliff Trail.

Hiking Safety Tips

- Plan ahead for the area, weather or emergencies.
- Always know your surroundings.
- Carry a trail map, water and a whistle.
- Proper footwear is highly recommended – roots and rocks are to be expected.
- Respect other visitors, the land and wildlife.
- If you encounter an animal acting strangely dial 1-800-501-1111 for Animal Control.
- In the event of an emergency dial 9-1-1.

If you see this blaze, the trail continues without significant changes.



If you see this blaze, the trail will take a right turn.



If you see this blaze, the trail will take a left turn.



Resources for More Information

Town of Harpswell
www.harpswell.maine.gov

Access Health
www.accesshealthme.org

American Hiking Society
www.americanhiking.org

Bicycle Coalition of Maine
www.bikemaine.org

East Coast Greenway
www.greenway.org

Friends of Peary's Eagle Island
www.pearyeagleisland.org

Harpswell Heritage Land Trust
www.hhlmaine.org

Healthy Maine Walks
www.healthymainewalks.com

Leave No Trace Principles
www.lnt.org

Maine Coast Heritage Trust
www.mcht.org

Maine Island Trail Association
www.mita.org



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